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15. [redacted] Met with Senator Gore and William Bader, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff. I inquired of the Senator the content he wished covered in the briefing scheduled for Friday afternoon at 2:30. The Senator stated he wanted the full picture of the Soviet threat covering, of course, the ABM situation, delivery capabilities, missiles, aircraft, and submarines. He also wanted some comment on the overall R&D effort as we saw it. He stated he would like some discussion of the political intentions of the Soviet Union. He would also like a few words on the Soviet economy in terms of their ability to support their military efforts. He then stated he would like basically the same information on Communist China. He also indicated he would like some discussion on the capability and likelihood of other countries developing nuclear weapons; as he put it, the proliferation program. He specifically referred to the possibility of an agreement, either formal or informal, between the Soviets and the U.S. on not deploying an ABM system. He would like discussion on our ability to detect compliance with such an agreement. There was also mentioned the point of whether or not we could detect a nuclear weapon in an orbiting satellite, i. e., violation of the new space treaty. Mr. Bader advised later that he thought it likely, in view of the Senator's interest, questions might be raised about BW and CW. The Senator's present plans for this series call for either Rusk or Katzenbach from State, Vance from DOD, and also John Foster and William Foster of ACDA.

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16. [redacted] After having left a partial transcript of a broadcast by Senator Everett Dirksen and offering to be of assistance, the Senator sent word he would like to talk with me about it. The subject involved Soviet ABMs and what appeared to be an offhand remark by the Senator: Who knows what the Soviets are doing; does our CIA?" Senator Dirksen stated, of course, that he had received a hush hush briefing at the White House. Referring to the broadcast, he indicated that in many situations one has to "weasel word" responses to the press. He indicated that he had the general situation in mind but requested me to review it very briefly with him. I did so and he fully understood and was most appreciative of our offer of assistance. He added that in too many situations, members of Congress and the Executive Branch talk too freely and that he simply did not want to be in the position of repeating anything he had received in confidence.

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